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97th Congress

An Act

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To amend subtitle IV of title 49, United States Code, to provide for more effective regulation of motor carriers of passengers.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That this Act may be cited as the "Bus Regulatory Reform Act of 1982".

Bus Regulatory Reform Act of 1982.
49 USC 10101 note.

PURPOSE OF THE ACT

49 USC 10101 note.

SEC. 2. This Act is part of the continuing effort by Congress to reduce unnecessary and burdensome Government regulation.

CONGRESSIONAL FINDINGS

49 USC 10101 note.

SEC. 3. The Congress hereby finds that a safe, sound, competitive, and fuel-efficient motor bus system contributes to the maintenance of a strong national economy and a strong national defense and is vital to the transportation needs of the elderly, handicapped, and the poor; that the statutes governing Federal regulation of the motor bus industry are outdated and must be revised to reflect the future transportation needs and realities; that historically the existing Federal and State regulatory structure has tended in certain circumstances to inhibit market entry, carrier growth, maximum utilization of equipment and energy resources, and opportunities for minorities and others to enter the motor bus industry; that State regulation of the motor bus industry has, in certain circumstances, unreasonably burdened interstate commerce; that overly protective regulation has resulted in operating inefficiencies and diminished price and service competition in the motor bus industry; that the objectives contained in the national transportation policy can best be achieved through greater competition and reduced regulation; that in order to reduce the uncertainty felt by the Nation's motor bus industry and those persons and communities that rely on its services, the Interstate Commerce Commission should be given explicit direction for reduced regulation of the motor bus industry and should do everything within its power to promote competition in the motor bus industry; and that legislative and resulting changes should be implemented without unnecessary disruption to the transportation system consistent with the scope of the reforms enacted.

CONGRESSIONAL OVERSIGHT

Hearings.
49 USC 10101 note.

SEC. 4. The appropriate authorizing committees of Congress shall conduct periodic oversight hearings on the effects of this legislation, not less than annually until July 1, 1985, to ensure that this Act is being implemented according to congressional intent and purpose.

NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION POLICY

SEC. 5. Subsection (a) of section 10101 of title 49, United States Code, is amended by striking out "and in regulating those modes" and all that follows through the period at the end of such subsection and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "and—

"(1) in regulating those modes—

"(A) to recognize and preserve the inherent advantage of each mode of transportation;

"(B) to promote safe, adequate, economical, and efficient transportation;

"(C) to encourage sound economic conditions in transportation, including sound economic conditions among carriers;

"(D) to encourage the establishment and maintenance of reasonable rates for transportation, without unreasonable discrimination or unfair or destructive competitive practices;

"(E) to cooperate with each State and the officials of each State on transportation matters; and

"(F) to encourage fair wages and working conditions in the transportation industry;

"(2) in regulating transportation by motor carrier, to promote competitive and efficient transportation services in order to (A) meet the needs of shippers, receivers, passengers, and consumers; (B) allow a variety of quality and price options to meet changing market demands and the diverse requirements of the shipping and traveling public; (C) allow the most productive use of equipment and energy resources; (D) enable efficient and well-managed carriers to earn adequate profits, attract capital, and maintain fair wages and working conditions; (E) provide and maintain service to small communities and small shippers and intrastate bus services; (F) provide and maintain commuter bus operations; (G) improve and maintain a sound, safe, and competitive privately owned motor carrier system; (H) promote greater participation by minorities in the motor carrier system; and (I) promote intermodal transportation; and

"(3) in regulating transportation by motor carrier of passengers (A) to cooperate with the States on transportation matters for the purpose of encouraging the States to exercise intrastate regulatory jurisdiction in accordance with the objectives of this subtitle; (B) to provide Federal procedures which ensure that intrastate regulation is exercised in accordance with this subtitle; and (C) to ensure that Federal reform initiatives enacted by the Bus Regulatory Reform Act of 1982 are not nullified by State regulatory actions.".

MOTOR CARRIER OF PASSENGERS ENTRY POLICY

SEC. 6. (a) Subsection (a) of section 10922 of title 49, United States Code, is amended (1) by striking out "II or", and (2) by striking out "motor common carrier of passengers or water common carrier respectively," and inserting in lieu thereof "water common carrier".

(b) Section 10922 of title 49, United States Code, is amended by redesignating subsections (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), and (j) (and any references thereto) as subsections (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), and (k),

respectively, and by inserting after subsection (b) the following new subsection:

"(c)(1) Except as provided in this section—

"(A) The Commission shall issue a certificate to a person authorizing that person to provide regular-route transportation subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission under subchapter II of chapter 105 of this title as a motor common carrier of passengers and shall issue a certificate to a recipient of governmental financial assistance for the purchase or operation of buses, or to an operator for such a recipient, authorizing that person to provide transportation subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission under subchapter II of chapter 105 of this title as a motor common carrier of passengers, if the Commission finds that the person is fit, willing, and able to provide the transportation to be authorized by the certificate and to comply with this subtitle and regulations of the Commission, unless the Commission finds, on the basis of evidence presented by any person objecting to the issuance of the certificate, that the transportation to be authorized is not consistent with the public interest.

49 USC 10521.

"(B) For any application for authority as a motor common carrier of passengers, except an application to which subparagraph (A) of this paragraph applies, the Commission shall issue a certificate to a person authorizing that person to provide transportation subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission under subchapter II of chapter 105 of this title as a motor common carrier of passengers if the Commission finds that the person is fit, willing, and able to provide the transportation to be authorized by the certificate and to comply with this subtitle and regulations of the Commission.

"(2)(A) The Commission shall issue a certificate to a person authorizing that person to provide regular-route transportation entirely in one State as a motor common carrier of passengers if such intrastate transportation is to be provided on a route over which the carrier has authority on the effective date of this subsection to provide interstate transportation of passengers if the Commission finds that the person is fit, willing, and able to provide the intrastate transportation to be authorized by the certificate and to comply with this subtitle and regulations of the Commission, unless the Commission finds, on the basis of evidence presented by any person objecting to the issuance of the certificate, that the transportation to be authorized would directly compete with a commuter bus operation and it would have a significant adverse effect on commuter bus service in the area in which the competing service will be performed.

"(B) The Commission shall issue a certificate to a person authorizing that person to provide regular-route transportation entirely in one State as a motor common carrier of passengers if such intrastate transportation is to be provided on a route over which the carrier has been granted authority, or will be granted authority, after the effective date of this section to provide interstate transportation of passengers if the Commission finds that the person is fit, willing, and able to provide the intrastate transportation to be authorized by the certificate and to comply with this subtitle and regulations of the Commission, unless the Commission finds, on the basis of evidence presented by any person objecting to the issuance of the certificate, that the transportation to be authorized is not consistent with the public interest.

"(C) No State or political subdivision thereof and no interstate agency or other political agency of two or more States shall enact or

enforce any law, rule, regulation, standard or other provision having the force and effect of law relating to the provision of pickup and delivery of express packages, newspapers, or mail in a commercial zone if the shipment has had or will have a prior or subsequent movement by bus in intrastate commerce and if a city within the commercial zone, as defined in section 10526(b)(1) of this title, is served by a motor common carrier of passengers providing regular-route transportation of passengers subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission under subchapter II of chapter 105 of this title.

49 USC 10526.

49 USC 10521.

"(D) Subject to subparagraph (F) of this paragraph, any intrastate transportation authorized by issuance of a certificate under this paragraph shall be deemed to be transportation subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission under subchapter II of chapter 105 of this subtitle. Upon issuance of such certificate, the carrier shall establish initial rates, rules, and practices applicable to such transportation to the same extent and in the same manner as a motor common carrier of passengers providing transportation subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission under such subchapter establishes rates, rules, and practices applicable to such interstate transportation. Any such rate, rule, or practice (including changes thereto) shall be subject to the provisions of chapter 107 of this subtitle as if such rate, rule, or practice were related to interstate transportation.

49 USC 10701 *et seq.*

"(E) Not later than 30 days after the date on which a motor common carrier of passengers first begins providing transportation entirely in one State pursuant to a certificate issued under this paragraph, the carrier shall take all action necessary to establish under the laws of such State rates, rules, and practices applicable to such transportation.

"(F) Transportation entirely in one State authorized by issuance of a certificate under this paragraph shall remain subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission, and rates, rules, and practices applicable to such transportation established under subparagraph (D) of this paragraph shall remain in effect, until permanent rates, rules, and practices applicable to such transportation are established under the laws of such State.

"(G) The Commission shall take final action upon an application filed under subparagraph (A) of this paragraph for authority to provide transportation entirely in one State not later than 90 days after the date the application is filed with the Commission.

"(H) This paragraph shall not apply to any regular-route transportation of passengers provided entirely in one State which is in the nature of a special operation.

"(I) Notwithstanding subparagraph (F) of this paragraph, intrastate transportation authorized under this paragraph may be suspended or revoked by the Commission under section 10925 of this title.

49 USC 10925.

"(3) In making any findings relating to public interest under paragraphs (1)(A) and (2)(B) of this subsection, the Commission shall consider, to the extent applicable—

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"(A) the transportation policy of section 10101(a) of this title;

"(B) the value of competition to the traveling and shipping public;

"(C) the effect of issuance of the certificate on motor carrier of passenger service to small communities; and

"(D) whether issuance of the certificate would impair the ability of any other motor common carrier of passengers to

provide a substantial portion of the regular-route passenger service which such carrier provides over its entire regular-route system; except that diversion of revenue or traffic from a motor common carrier of passengers in and of itself shall not be sufficient to support a finding that issuance of the certificate would impair the ability of the carrier to provide a substantial portion of the regular-route passenger service which the carrier provides over its entire regular-route system.

"(4) The provisions of paragraph (1) of this subsection relating to the Commission finding that transportation to be authorized by issuance of a certificate is not consistent with the public interest shall not apply to any application under this subsection for authority to provide—

"(A) interstate transportation service to any community not regularly served by a motor common carrier of passengers under this section;

"(B) interstate transportation service which will be a substitute for discontinued rail or commercial-air passenger service to a community if such discontinuance results in such community not having any rail and commercial-air passenger service and if such application is filed within 180 days after such discontinuance becomes effective; and

"(C) interstate transportation service to any community with respect to which the only motor common carrier of passengers providing interstate transportation service to such community applies for authority to discontinue providing such interstate service under section 10925(b) of this subchapter or applies for permission to discontinue or reduce its level of intrastate service to such community under section 10935 of this subchapter.

49 USC 10925.

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"(5) The Commission may not make any finding under paragraphs (1) and (2) of this subsection which is based upon general findings developed in rulemaking proceedings.

"(6) The requirement that persons issued certificates under this subsection be fit, willing, and able means safety fitness and proof of minimum financial responsibility under section 18 of the Bus Regulatory Reform Act of 1982.

Post, p. 1120.

"(7) No motor common carrier of passengers may protest an application to provide transportation filed under this subsection or a request to remove an operating restriction under section 10922(i)(4) of this title unless—

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"(A)(i) it possesses authority to handle, in whole or in part, the traffic for which authority is applied;

"(ii) it is willing and able to provide service that meets the reasonable needs of the traveling public; and

"(iii) it has performed service within the scope of the application during the previous 12-month period or has, actively in good faith, solicited service within the scope of the application during such period;

"(B) it has pending before the Commission an application filed prior in time to the application being considered for substantially the same traffic; or

"(C) the Commission grants leave to intervene upon a showing of other interests that are not contrary to the transportation policy set forth in section 10101(a) of this title.

Ante, p. 1103.

"(8) No motor contract carrier of passengers may protest an application to provide transportation filed under this subsection.

"(9) For purposes of this section, authority under this subsection to provide special or charter transportation of passengers by motor vehicle includes authority to provide such transportation as round-trip service and as one-way service if such one-way service may be provided as part of a round-trip movement involving the same passengers and air, rail, or water transportation or any combination of air, rail, or water transportation.".

(c) Paragraph (4) of subsection (e) of section 10922 of title 49, United States Code, as redesignated by subsection (b) of this section, is amended to read as follows:

"(4) A certificate of a motor common carrier to transport passengers shall be deemed to include permissive authority to transport newspapers, baggage of passengers, express packages, or mail in the same motor vehicle with the passengers, or baggage of passengers in a separate motor vehicle.".

(d)(1) Section 10102 of title 49, United States Code, is amended by redesignating paragraphs (5) through (29), and any references thereto, as paragraphs (6) through (30), respectively, and by inserting after paragraph (4) the following new paragraph:

"(5) 'commuter bus operations' means short-haul regularly scheduled passenger service provided by motor vehicle in metropolitan and suburban areas, whether within or across the geographical boundaries of a State, and utilized primarily by passengers using reduced-fare, multiple-ride, or commutation tickets during morning and evening peak period operations.". "Commuter bus operations."

(2) Section 11711(f) of such title is amended by striking out "10102(10)(A)" and inserting in lieu thereof "10102(11)(A)". 49 USC 11711.

(3) Section 250(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 is amended by striking out "10102(18)" and inserting in lieu thereof "10102(19)". 26 USC 250.

(4)(A) Section 5201(5) of title 39, United States Code, is amended by striking out "10102(12)" and inserting in lieu thereof "10102(13)".

(B) Section 5201(6) of title 39, United States Code, is amended by striking out "10102(7)" and inserting in lieu thereof "10102(8) of title 49".

(e) Section 10322(a) of title 49, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by inserting "10708(f)," immediately after "10708(b),";

(2) by striking out "10922(h)(2)" and inserting in lieu thereof "10922(i)(2), 10922(i)(4)"; and *Post*, p. 1108.

(3) by adding at the end thereof the following new sentence: "In addition, the deadlines set forth in this section do not apply to any application filed under section 10922(c)(2)(A) of this subtitle for authority to provide regular-route transportation entirely in one State as a motor common carrier of passengers.". *Ante*, p. 1103.

(f) Section 10521(b) of title 49, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in clause (1) by inserting "except as provided in sections 10922(c)(2), 10935, and 11501(e) of this title," immediately before "affect"; *Ante*, p. 1103, *post*, pp. 1115, 1117.

(2) in clause (2) by inserting "except as provided in sections 10922(c)(2) and 11501(e)," immediately before "authorize"; and

(3) in clause (3) by inserting "except as provided in section 10922(c)(2) of this title," immediately before "allow".

(g) Section 10922 of title 49, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new subsection:

"(l)(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, the Commission, notwithstanding any other provision of law (other than such paragraph (2)), shall not issue any certificate to any motor

common carrier, or any permit to any motor contract carrier, domiciled in any contiguous foreign country or owned or controlled by persons of any contiguous foreign country in the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this subsection. The President of the United States may extend, beyond such two-year period, such moratorium with respect to any contiguous foreign country or political subdivision thereof which substantially prohibits grants of authority to persons from the United States to provide transportation by motor vehicle for compensation in such foreign country or political subdivision.

"(2) The President of the United States may remove or modify, in whole or in part, any moratorium imposed under paragraph (1) of this subsection on the issuance of certificates or permits if the President determines that such removal or modification is in the national interest and notifies, in writing, the Congress of such removal or modification before the date on which such removal or modification is to take effect. In any case in which such moratorium applies to a contiguous foreign country or political subdivision thereof which substantially prohibits grants of authority to persons from the United States to provide transportation by motor vehicle for compensation in such foreign country or political subdivision, such removal or modification shall not take effect before the 60th day following the date on which the Congress is notified of such removal or modification.".

RESTRICTION REMOVAL

SEC. 7. Section 10922(i) of title 49, United States Code, as redesignated by section 6(b) of this Act, is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new paragraphs:

"(3) On the effective date of this paragraph, a certificate to provide interstate transportation of passengers issued under this section shall be deemed to authorize (but not require)—

"(A) round-trip operations where only one-way authority exists; and

"(B) special and charter transportation from all points in a political subdivision of a State in any case in which special and charter transportation authority is limited to one or more points of origin in such political subdivision.

"(4) Upon request of any person issued a certificate to provide interstate transportation of passengers under this section, the Commission shall within 90 days remove any operating restriction imposed on the certificate in order to authorize interstate transportation to intermediate points on any route covered by the certificate unless the Commission finds, on the basis of evidence presented by a person objecting to the removal of such an operating restriction, that the resulting interstate transportation directly competes with a commuter bus operation and will have a significant adverse effect on commuter bus service in the area in which the competing service will be provided.".

MIXING OF REGULAR AND CHARTER PASSENGERS

SEC. 8. Subsection (j) of section 10922 of title 49, United States Code, as redesignated by section 6(b) of this Act, is amended by redesignating clauses (1) and (2) as clauses (A) and (B), respectively,

by inserting "(1)" before "A person holding", and by adding at the end of such subsection the following new paragraphs:

"(2)(A) Subject to the provisions of this paragraph, a motor common carrier of passengers who has authority under this section to provide special or charter transportation of passengers and to provide regular-route transportation of passengers may transport the special or charter passengers in the same motor vehicle with regular-route passengers.

"(B) Subparagraph (A) of this paragraph shall only apply to transportation of passengers entirely in a State if the motor common carrier of passengers has authority under the laws of such State to provide within such State special or charter transportation of passengers and regular-route transportation of passengers and if the laws of such State and the certificate, permit, or other authority under which such carrier provides intrastate transportation in such State authorizes such carrier to transport special or charter passengers in the same motor vehicle with regular-route passengers.

"(C) Special or charter transportation of passengers may only be provided under subparagraph (A) of this paragraph in the same motor vehicle as regular-route transportation of passengers if the mixing of such passengers does not interfere with the obligation of the carrier to comply with section 11101 of this subtitle. 49 USC 11101.

"(3) Subject to such regulations as the Commission may issue, a person who has authority under this section to provide charter transportation of passengers may transport groups of charter passengers in the same motor vehicle at the same time.".

RULE OF RATEMAKING

SEC. 9. (a) Section 10701(e) of title 49, United States Code, is amended by striking out "of property" each place it appears.

(b) Section 10704(b)(2)(B) of title 49, United States Code, is amended by striking out "of property".

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SEC. 10. (a) Paragraphs (1) and (2) of section 10706(b) of title 49, United States Code, are amended by striking out "of property" each place it appears.

(b)(1) Section 10706(b)(3)(B)(i) of title 49, United States Code, is amended by striking out "and (D)" and inserting in lieu thereof ", (D), (E), and (F)".

(2) Section 10706(b)(3)(B)(iii) of title 49, United States Code, is amended by striking out "of property".

(3) Section 10706(b)(3)(D) of title 49, United States Code, is amended by inserting after the first sentence the following new sentence: "This subparagraph shall not apply to any single-line rate proposed by a motor common carrier of passengers.".

(4) Section 10706(b)(3) of title 49, United States Code, is amended by redesignating subparagraphs (E) and (F), and any references thereto, as subparagraphs (G) and (H), respectively, and by inserting after subparagraph (D) the following new subparagraphs:

"(E) On and after January 1, 1983, no agreement approved under this subsection may provide for discussion of or voting upon any single-line rate proposed by a motor common carrier of passengers. On and after January 1, 1984, no agreement approved under this subsection may provide for discussion of or

voting upon any joint rate proposed by one or more motor common carriers of passengers. This subparagraph shall not apply to any rate applicable to special or charter transportation. This subparagraph and subparagraph (B)(i)(II) of this paragraph shall not apply to the following:

"(i) any general rate increase or decrease, broad change in tariff structure, or promotional or innovative fare change, as defined by the Commission and subject to such notice requirements as the Commission may specify by regulation, if discussion of such general increase or decrease is limited to industry average carrier costs and intermodal competitive factors and does not include discussion of individual markets or particular single-line rates or joint rates; and

"(ii) publishing of tariffs, filing of independent actions for individual member carriers, providing of support services for members, and changes in rules or regulations which are of at least substantially general application throughout the area in which such changes will apply.

"(F) After the effective date of this subparagraph, no agreement approved under this subsection may provide for discussion of or voting upon any rate applicable to special or charter transportation proposed by a motor common carrier of passengers. This subparagraph shall not apply to publication of any such rate.".

(c) Subsection (b) of section 10706 of title 49, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new paragraph:

Regulations, effective date.

"(5) Notwithstanding any other provision of this subtitle (other than paragraph (3)(F) of this subsection, relating to special and charter transportation of passengers), before January 1, 1983, the Commission may not take any action which would, on the basis of the type of carrier service involved (including service by carriers singly or in combination with other carriers), result in the exclusion of one or more motor common carriers of passengers from discussion or voting under agreements authorized by this subsection on matters concerning rates, allowances, or divisions, except that before January 1, 1983, the Commission may issue regulations which take effect on or after January 1, 1983, to carry out the provisions of paragraph (3)(E) of this subsection.".

(d) The first sentence of section 10706(c) of title 49, United States Code, is amended by striking out "of property".

49 USC 10706 note.

(e)(1) Paragraph (2) of section 14(b) of the Motor Carrier Act of 1980 (Public Law 96-296; 94 Stat. 806) is amended to read as follows:

Collective ratemaking process; investigation and study.

"(2)(A) The Study Commission shall make (i) a full and complete investigation and study of the collective ratemaking process for all rates of motor common carriers of property and upon the need or lack of need for continued antitrust immunity therefor, and (ii) a full and complete investigation and study of the collective ratemaking process for general rate changes, innovative fare changes, and broad changes in tariff structure of motor common carriers of passengers and upon the need or lack of need for antitrust immunity therefor. The Study Commission may study the collective ratemaking process for single-line or joint-line rates of motor common carriers of passengers. Each such study shall estimate the impact of the elimination of such immunity upon rate levels and rate structures and describe the impact of the elimination of such immunity upon the Interstate Commerce Commission and its staff. Each such

study shall give special consideration to the effect of the elimination of such immunity upon rural areas and small communities.

"(B) The Study Commission shall make a full and complete investigation and study of the impact of implementation of the Bus Regulatory Reform Act of 1982 on persons over the age of 60, including those who reside in rural areas and small communities. In particular, the Study Commission shall investigate and study the effect on such persons of the potential termination of routes as a result of implementation of the Bus Regulatory Reform Act of 1982. In making the study required by this subparagraph, the Study Commission shall provide for notice and the opportunity for interested parties to comment, but need not provide for oral evidentiary hearings. In addition, the Study Commission shall consider the impact of both statutory and administrative regulatory reforms on the continuation and development of high quality intrastate motor bus services. Such study shall focus on the impact on existing firms currently providing service, some or all of which is conducted between points wholly within a single State. The Study Commission shall present its conclusions in its final report. Prior to such final report, if the Study Commission finds the existence of conditions that jeopardize the viability of continued intrastate services, it shall immediately notify the Congress and the Interstate Commerce Commission of its findings. If such notice is presented to the Interstate Commerce Commission, it shall give expedited treatment to whatever recommendations are made. The mandate to study the impact on intrastate bus transportation shall be an on-going one throughout the duration of the Study Commission's existence.".

Persons over 60, investigation and study.

Notice and hearing.

(2) Paragraph (3) of section 14(b) of the Motor Carrier Act of 1980 (Public Law 96-296; 94 Stat. 806) is amended—

49 USC 10706 note.

(A) by striking out "ten members" and inserting in lieu thereof "fourteen members";

(B) by striking out "and" at the end of clause (B); and

(C) by striking out the period at the end of such paragraph and inserting in lieu thereof "; and"; and

(D) by adding at the end of such paragraph the following:

"(D) four members of the public appointed by the President, one who is a motor common carrier of passengers receiving $3,000,000 or more per year in revenues from motor common carrier of passengers operations, one who is a motor common carrier of passengers receiving less than $3,000,000 per year in revenues from motor common carrier of passengers operations, and two who are not affiliated with the motor common carrier industry.

No member of the Study Commission who is appointed under clause (C) of this paragraph shall vote on any matter before the Study Commission related to motor common carriers of passengers, and no member of the Study Commission who is appointed under clause (D) of this paragraph shall vote on any matter before the Study Commission related to motor common carriers of property.".

(3) Paragraph (4) of section 14(b) of the Motor Carrier Act of 1980 (Public Law 96-296; 94 Stat. 806) is amended by striking out the first 2 sentences and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

49 USC 10706 note.

"(4) The Study Commission shall submit to the President and the Congress its final report on the collective ratemaking process applicable to motor common carriers of property not later than January 1, 1983, and its final report on the collective ratemaking process applicable to motor common carriers of passengers not later than

Reports to President and Congress.

Reports.

January 1, 1984. The Study Commission shall, not later than January 1, 1984, submit to the President and the Congress the report required by paragraph (2)(B) of this subsection. Such reports shall include, but not be limited to, the findings and recommendations of the Study Commission. The Study Commission shall cease to exist 6 months after submission of the last of such reports.".

Termination.

49 USC 10706 note.

(4) Paragraph (12) of section 14(b) of the Motor Carrier Act of 1980 (Public Law 96-296; 94 Stat. 808) is amended by striking "$3,000,000" and inserting in lieu thereof "$4,000,000".

49 USC 10706 note.

(f) Any organization established pursuant to an agreement entered into by motor common carriers of passengers and approved by the Commission prior to the effective date of this subsection under section 10706(c) of title 49, United States Code, may continue to function pursuant to such agreement until a new or amended agreement is finally disposed of by the Commission under section 10706 of title 49, United States Code, as amended by this section, so long as (1) such new or amended agreement is submitted to the Commission for approval within 120 days of such effective date, and (2) such organization complies with this section (including amendments made by this section and regulations issued under such amendments) during the period such new or amended agreement is being prepared, submitted to, and considered by the Commission.

ZONE OF RATE FREEDOM

SEC. 11. (a) Subsection (d) of section 10708 of title 49, United States Code, is amended by redesignating paragraph (4) of such subsection, and any references thereto, as paragraph (6) and inserting after paragraph (3) the following new paragraphs:

"(4) Notwithstanding any other provision of this title, the Commission may not investigate, suspend, revise, or revoke any single-line rate proposed by a motor common carrier of passengers, or joint rate proposed by one or more such carriers, applicable to any transportation (other than special or charter transportation) on the grounds that such rate is unreasonable on the basis that it is too high or too low if—

"(A) the carrier or carriers notify the Commission that they wish to have the rate considered pursuant to this subsection; and

"(B) the aggregate of increases and decreases in any such rate is not more than 10 percent above the rate in effect one year prior to the effective date of the proposed rate, nor more than 20 percent below the lesser of the rate in effect on the effective date of this paragraph (or, in case of any rate which the carrier or carriers first establish after such date for a service not provided by the carrier or carriers on such date, such rate on the date such rate first becomes effective), or the rate in effect one year prior to the effective date of the proposed rate.

"(5) One year after the effective date of this paragraph, the first and second percentages specified in paragraph (4)(B) of this subsection shall change to 15 percent and 25 percent, respectively. Two years after the effective date, the first and second percentages specified in paragraph (4)(B) of this subsection shall change to 20 percent and 30 percent, respectively.".

(b) Paragraph (6) of section 10708(d) of title 49, United States Code, as redesignated by subsection (a) of this section, is amended by inserting after the first sentence the following new sentence: "Evi-

dence that any motor common carrier of passengers established pursuant to this subsection a joint or single-line rate applicable to transportation over any route which is the same as or similar to a joint rate applicable to transportation over such route which such carrier together with one or more other motor common carriers of passengers established pursuant to this subsection shall not be in and of itself sufficient to establish a violation of any such antitrust law.".

(c) Section 10708 of title 49, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new subsections:

"(e) Notwithstanding any other provision of this title, 3 years after the effective date of this subsection, the Commission may not investigate, suspend, revise, or revoke any rate proposed by a motor common carrier of passengers on the grounds that such rate is unreasonable on the basis that it is too high or too low, unless the proposed rate is established collectively in accordance with the procedures of an agreement approved by the Commission under section 10706(b) of this title. In publishing and filing a tariff under section 10762 of this title, the carrier shall disclose whether such rate is the result of collective ratemaking procedures pursuant to an agreement approved by the Commission under section 10706(b) of this title.

49 USC 10706.
49 USC 10762.

"(f) Notwithstanding any other provision of this title, an interested party may file a complaint under section 11701 of this title challenging the reasonableness of a rate filed under this section by a motor carrier of passengers. Any such complaint proceeding shall be finally determined by the Commission no later than 90 days after the filing of the complaint.".

49 USC 11701.

RATES FOR SPECIAL AND CHARTER TRANSPORTATION

SEC. 12. (a) Section 10708 of title 49, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new subsection:

"(g) Notwithstanding any other provision of this title, the Commission may not investigate, suspend, revise, or revoke any rate proposed by a motor common carrier of passengers applicable to special or charter transportation. Nothing in this subsection shall limit the Commission's authority to suspend and investigate proposed rates on the basis that such rates constitute predatory practices in contravention of the transportation policy set forth in section 10101(a) of this title.".

Ante, p. 1103.

(b) Section 10762(c)(3) of title 49, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in the second sentence by inserting "and motor common carrier of passengers with respect to special or charter transportation" immediately after "a rail carrier"; and

(2) by adding at the end thereof the following new sentence: "In the case of a motor common carrier of passengers, a proposed rate change resulting in an increased rate or a new rate applicable to special or charter transportation shall not become effective for 30 days after the notice is published, and a proposed rate change resulting in a reduced rate applicable to special or charter transportation shall not become effective for 10 days after the notice is published.".

MOTOR CONTRACT CARRIERS

SEC. 13. (a) Section 10923(b)(2) of title 49, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

"(2) The provisions of paragraph (2) of subsection (a) of this section shall not apply to applications under this section for authority to provide transportation as a motor contract carrier of passengers. The requirement that persons issued permits under this section as motor contract carriers of passengers be fit, willing, and able means safety fitness and proof of minimum financial responsibility under section 18 of the Bus Regulatory Reform Act of 1982.".

Post, p. 1120.

(b) Subsection (e) of section 10925 of title 49, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by striking out "of property" each place it appears;

(2) by striking out "section 10922(b)" each place it appears and inserting in lieu thereof "section 10922"; and

(3) in paragraph (2)—

(A) by striking out "transportation"; and

(B) by striking out "of the same property" and inserting in lieu thereof "the same type of transportation".

BROKERS

SEC. 14. (a) Subsection (a) of section 10924 of title 49, United States Code, is amended by striking out "passengers or".

(b) Subsection (e) of section 10924 of title 49, United States Code, is amended by striking out "of travelers and".

(c) Section 10924 of title 49, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new subsection:

Bonds or insurance, requirements.

"(f) The Commission may impose on brokers for motor carriers of passengers such requirements for bonds or insurance or both as the Commission determines are needed to protect passengers and carriers dealing with such brokers.".

(d) Section 10526(a) of title 49, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by striking out "or" at the end of paragraph (12);

(2) by striking out the period at the end of paragraph (13) and inserting in lieu thereof "; or"; and

(3) by adding at the end thereof the following new paragraph:

"(14) brokers for motor carriers of passengers, except as provided in section 10924(f) of this title.".

TEMPORARY AND EMERGENCY TEMPORARY AUTHORITY

SEC. 15. Section 10928 of title 49, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in subsection (a) by striking out "motor carrier of passengers or" each place it appears;

(2) in subsection (b)(1) by striking out "of property" each place it appears; and

(3) in subsection (c)(1) by striking out "of property" each place it appears and by inserting immediately after "not more than 90 days" the following: "and, in addition, in the case of a motor carrier of passengers, the Commission may extend such authority for a period of more than 90 days but not more than 180 days if no other motor carrier of passengers is providing transportation to the place or in the area".

EXIT POLICY

SEC. 16. (a) Subchapter II of chapter 109 of title 49, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new section:

"§ 10935. Discontinuing bus transportation in one State

49 USC 10935.

"(a) When a motor common carrier of passengers having intrastate authority under the laws of a State, and interstate authority under a certificate issued under section 10922 of this subchapter, to provide transportation over any route to any point in such State has proposed to discontinue providing transportation over such route to such point or to reduce its level of service over such route to such point to a level which is less than one trip per day (excluding Saturdays and Sundays) and the carrier has requested the department, agency, or instrumentality of such State having jurisdiction over granting such discontinuance or reduction for permission to discontinue such intrastate transportation or to reduce its level of service to a level which is less than one trip per day (excluding Saturdays and Sundays) and the request has been denied (in whole or in part) or such department, agency, or instrumentality has not acted finally (in whole or in part) on the request by the 120th day after the carrier made the request, the carrier may petition the Commission for such permission.

49 USC 10922.

"(b) When a petition is filed under subsection (a) of this section, the carrier shall certify that he has notified (1) the Governor of the State in which such transportation is provided, (2) the State authority having jurisdiction over granting discontinuances of transportation by motor common carriers of passengers and reductions in levels of service by such carriers, (3) local governments having jurisdiction over areas which would be affected if such petition is granted, and (4) such other interested persons as the Commission may specify by regulation.

Discontinuance of service, objection.

"(c) Any person (including a department, agency, or instrumentality of a State or local government) may object to the Commission to the granting of permission to any motor common carrier of passengers to discontinue or reduce transportation under this section.

"(d) If no person objects under subsection (c) of this section to the granting of permission to discontinue or reduce transportation under this section within 20 days after the carrier files with the Commission the petition for such discontinuance or reduction, the Commission shall grant such permission at the end of such 20-day period.

"(e)(1)(A) Subject to paragraph (3) of this subsection, if, within 20 days after a carrier files a petition for permission to discontinue providing intrastate transportation over any route to any point or to reduce its level of service over such route to such point to a level which is less than one trip per day (excluding Saturdays and Sundays), any person objects under subsection (c) of this section to the Commission to the granting of such permission, the Commission shall grant such permission unless the Commission finds, on the basis of evidence presented by the person objecting to the granting of such permission, that such discontinuance or reduction is not consistent with the public interest or that continuing the transportation, without the proposed discontinuance or reduction, will not constitute an unreasonable burden on interstate commerce.

"(B) This paragraph shall apply to intrastate transportation of passengers which is being provided by a motor common carrier of passengers on a route over which such carrier was granted, on or before August 1, 1982, authority to provide interstate transportation of passengers.

"(2)(A) Subject to paragraph (3) of this subsection, if, within 20 days after a carrier files a petition for permission to discontinue providing intrastate transportation over any route to any point or to reduce its level of service over such route to such point to a level which is less than one trip per day (excluding Saturdays and Sundays), any person objects under subsection (c) of this section to the Commission to the granting of such permission, the Commission shall grant such permission unless the Commission finds, on the basis of evidence presented by the person objecting to the granting of such permission, that continuing the transportation, without the proposed discontinuance or reduction, will not constitute an unreasonable burden on interstate commerce. For the purposes of this paragraph, continuance of the transportation would not constitute an unreasonable burden on interstate commerce only if discontinuance or reduction of such transportation is not consistent with the public interest and the interstate and intrastate revenues from such service under reasonable pricing practices are not less than the variable costs of providing the transportation proposed to be discontinued or reduced.

"(B) This paragraph shall apply to intrastate transportation of passengers which is being provided by a motor common carrier of passengers on a route over which such carrier was granted after August 1, 1982, and before the effective date of this section, or is granted on or after such effective date, authority to provide interstate transportation of passengers.

"(3) The Commission shall only grant permission to a carrier to discontinue intrastate transportation over any route to any point under this subsection if such carrier has applied for authority to discontinue its interstate transportation over such route to such point under section 10925(b) of this subchapter and the Commission has granted or will grant such authority.

49 USC 10925.

Petition for discontinuance or reduction.

"(4) If any person objects under subsection (c) of this section to the granting of permission to discontinue or reduce transportation under this section within 20 days after the carrier files with the Commission the petition for such discontinuance or reduction, the carrier, within 15 days after the filing of such objection with the Commission, shall furnish to the Commission and to objecting persons—

"(A) an estimate of the annual subsidy required, if any, to continue the service;

"(B) traffic, revenue, and other data necessary to determine the amount of annual financial assistance, if any, which would be required to continue the service; and

"(C) such other information as the Commission may require by regulation.

The Commission shall take final action upon such petition not later than 90 days after the date the carrier files such petition.

"(f) Before a discontinuance or reduction in level of service proposed in a petition filed by a carrier under subsection (a) of this section has become effective, the Commission may order the carrier to continue any part of the intrastate transportation in not to

exceed the 165-day period beginning on the date the carrier files such petition with the Commission.

"(g)(1) In making a finding under subsection (e)(1) of this section, the Commission shall accord great weight to the extent to which interstate and intrastate revenues received for providing the transportation proposed to be discontinued or reduced are less than the variable costs of providing such transportation, including depreciation for revenue equipment. For purposes of the preceding sentence, the carrier filing a petition for permission to discontinue or reduce service shall have the burden of proving the amount of the interstate and intrastate revenues received for providing the transportation and the variable costs of providing the transportation.

"(2) In making a finding under subsection (e)(1) or (e)(2) of this section, the Commission shall consider, to the extent applicable, at least—

"(A) the national transportation policy of section 10101 of this title; 49 USC 10101.

"(B) whether the motor common carrier of passengers has received an offer of, or is receiving, financial assistance to provide the transportation to be discontinued or reduced from a financially responsible person (including a governmental authority); and

"(C) in the case of a petition to discontinue transportation to any point, whether the transportation is the last motor carrier of passenger service to such point and whether a reasonable alternative to such service is available.

"(h) No State or political subdivision thereof and no interstate agency or other agency of two or more States shall enact or enforce any law, rule, regulation, standard, or other provision having the force and effect of law relating to discontinuance or reduction in the level of intrastate service by a motor common carrier of passengers subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission under subchapter II of chapter 105 of this title corresponding to an interstate service initiated pursuant to the provisions of section 10922(c)(4) of this title, except to the extent that notice of discontinuance or reduction in service, not in excess of 30 days, may be required. 49 USC 10521. *Ante*, p. 1103.

"(i) This section shall not apply to any carrier owned or controlled by a State or local government.".

(b) The analysis for subchapter II of chapter 109 of title 49, United States Code, is amended by inserting

"10935. Discontinuing bus transportation in one State."

after

"10934. Household goods agents.".

(c) Section 10322(a) of title 49, United States Code, is amended by inserting "10935," after "10934(c),".

DISCRIMINATORY STATE REGULATION OF RATES AND PRACTICES

SEC. 17. (a)(1) Section 11501 of title 49, United States Code, is amended by redesignating subsection (e), and any references thereto, as subsection (f) and by inserting after subsection (d) the following new subsection:

"(e)(1) The Commission shall prescribe any rate, rule, or practice applicable to transportation provided entirely in one State by a motor common carrier of passengers providing transportation sub-

ject to the jurisdiction of the Commission under subchapter II of
49 USC 10521. chapter 105 of this title—

"(A) if the carrier has requested the department, agency, or instrumentality of such State having jurisdiction over such rate, rule, or practice for permission to establish such rate, rule, or practice and the request has been denied (in whole or in part) or the State authority has not acted finally (in whole or in part) on the request by the 120th day after the carrier made the request; and

"(B) if the Commission finds that the rate, rule, or practice in effect and applicable to such intrastate transportation causes unreasonable discrimination against or imposes an unreasonable burden on interstate or foreign commerce.

Rebuttable presumption. "(2) For purposes of paragraph (1)(B) of this subsection, there shall be a rebuttable presumption that—

"(A) any rate, rule, or practice applicable to transportation provided by a motor common carrier of passengers entirely in one State imposes an unreasonable burden on interstate commerce if the Commission finds—

"(i) that such rate, rule, or practice results in the carrier charging a rate for such transportation which is lower than the rate such carrier charges for comparable interstate transportation of passengers;

"(ii) on the basis of evidence presented by the carrier, that as a result of such rate, rule, or practice such carrier does not receive revenues from such transportation which exceed the variable costs of providing such transportation; or

"(iii) that the department, agency, or instrumentality of such State having jurisdiction over such rate, rule, or practice failed to act finally (in whole or in part) on the request of the carrier to establish such rate, rule, or practice by the 120th day after the date the carrier made the request; and

"(B) any rate applicable to transportation entirely in one State imposes an unreasonable burden on interstate commerce if the Commission finds that the most recent general rate increase applicable to transportation provided by motor common carriers of passengers in such State is less than the most recent general rate increase applicable to interstate transportation provided by motor common carriers of passengers under this subtitle.

Application, filing. "(3)(A) A motor common carrier of passengers must file an application with the Commission for prescription under this subsection of a rate, rule, or practice applicable to transportation provided entirely in one State by such carrier. When such application is filed with the Commission, the carrier shall certify that he has notified (i) the Governor of such State, (ii) the department, agency, or instrumentality of such State which denied, or failed to take action on, the request of such carrier related to such rate, rule, or practice, and (iii) such other interested persons as the Commission may specify by regulation. The Commission shall take final action on any such application not later than 60 days after such application is filed with the Commission.

"(B) The Commission shall establish, by regulation, procedures for processing applications under this subsection.

"(4) This subsection shall not apply to any carrier owned or controlled by a State or local government.

"(5) No State or political subdivision thereof and no interstate agency or other political agency of two or more States shall enact or enforce any law, rule, regulation, standard, or other provision having the force and effect of law relating to scheduling of interstate or intrastate transportation provided by motor common carrier of passengers subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission under subchapter II of chapter 105 of this title on an authorized interstate route or relating to the implementation of any reduction in the rates for such transportation except to the extent that notice, not in excess of 30 days, of changes in schedules may be required. This paragraph shall not apply to intrastate commuter bus operations. 49 USC 10521.

"(6)(A) No motor common carrier of passengers providing transportation subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission may charge or collect a rate for intrastate service provided on an authorized interstate route which constitutes a predatory practice in contravention of the transportation policy set forth in section 10101(a) of this title. *Ante*, p. 1103.

"(B) When the Commission decides, upon complaint by any person, that a reduction in a rate charged or collected by such a motor common carrier of passengers for intrastate service provided on an authorized interstate route constitutes a predatory practice in contravention of the transportation policy set forth in section 10101(a) of this title, the Commission shall prescribe the rate applicable to such service.".

(2) Subsection (f) of section 11501 of title 49, United States Code, as redesignated by paragraph (1) of this subsection, is amended by inserting "(1)" immediately after "take action" and by inserting ", or (2) with respect to a rate, rule, or practice of a motor common carrier of passengers, in accordance with the procedures established by the Commission under subsection (e)(3)(B) of this section" immediately after "a full hearing".

(b) Section 10322(a) of title 49, United States Code, is amended by inserting "or 11501(e)" immediately after "section 10934".

(c) The Interstate Commerce Commission, in consultation with each national association representing State departments, agencies, and instrumentalities having jurisdiction over motor common carrier transportation of passengers, shall cooperate with each such department, agency, or instrumentality of a State for the purpose of establishing standards and procedures (including timing requirements) for rates, rules, and practices applicable to intrastate transportation provided by motor common carriers of passengers who provide transportation subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission under subchapter II of chapter 105 of subtitle IV of title 49, United States Code, which are— 49 USC 11501 note. 49 USC 10521.

(1) to the extent feasible, uniform among the States; and

(2) consistent with the standards and procedures established by the Interstate Commerce Commission under such subtitle for regulation of interstate transportation provided by motor common carriers of passengers.

(d) It is the sense of Congress that each State should revise its standards and procedures (including timing requirements) for rates, rules, and practices applicable to intrastate transportation provided by motor common carriers of passengers to conform such standards and procedures to the standards and procedures for rates, rules, and practices applicable to interstate transportation provided by motor carriers of passengers not later than 2 years after the effective date of this section. State standards and procedures, revision. 49 USC 11501 note.

Report to Congress. 49 USC 11501 note.

(e) Not later than 30 months after the effective date of this section, the Interstate Commerce Commission shall report to the Congress on the results of its efforts to establish uniform standards and procedures applicable to motor common carrier of passengers rates, rules, and practices.

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Regulations. 49 USC 10927 note.

SEC. 18. (a) The Secretary of Transportation shall establish regulations to require minimal levels of financial responsibility sufficient to satisfy liability amounts to be determined by the Secretary covering public liability and property damage for the transportation of passengers for hire by motor vehicle in the United States from a place in a State to a place in another State, from a place in a State to another place in such State through a place outside of such State, and between a place in a State and a place outside of the United States.

(b) The minimal level of financial responsibility established by the Secretary under subsection (a) of this section—

(1) for any vehicle with a seating capacity of 16 passengers or more shall not be less than $5,000,000, except that the Secretary, by regulation, may reduce such amount (but not to an amount less than $2,500,000) for any class of such vehicles or operations for the 2-year period beginning on the effective date of the regulations issued under such subsection or any part of such period if the Secretary finds that such reduction will not adversely affect public safety and will prevent a serious disruption in transportation service; and

(2) for any vehicle with a seating capacity of 15 passengers or less shall not be less than $1,500,000, except that the Secretary, by regulation, may reduce such amount (but not to an amount less than $750,000) for any class of such vehicles or operations for the 2-year period beginning on the effective date of the regulations issued under such subsection or any part of such period if the Secretary finds that such reduction will not adversely affect public safety and will prevent a serious disruption in transportation service.

(c)(1) If, at the end of the one-year period beginning on the effective date of this section, the Secretary has not established regulations to require minimal levels of financial responsibility as required by subsection (a) of this section for any class of transportation of passengers, the levels of financial responsibility for such class of transportation shall be the $5,000,000 amount set forth in subsection (b)(1) of this section in the case of motor vehicles with a seating capacity of 16 passengers or more and the $1,500,000 amount set forth in subsection (b)(2) of this section in the case of motor vehicles having a seating capacity of 15 passengers or less, until such time as the Secretary, by regulation, changes such amount under this section.

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (b) of this section, the Secretary may only make reductions in the $5,000,000 and $1,500,000 amounts set forth in such subsection for the two-year period beginning on the 366th day following the effective date of this section or any part of such period.

(d) Financial responsibility may be established under this section by any one or combination of the following methods acceptable to the Secretary: evidence of insurance, including high self-retention,

guarantee, or surety bond. Any bond filed shall be issued by a bonding company authorized to do business in the United States. The Secretary shall establish, by regulation, methods and procedures to assure compliance with this section.

Violation; penalty.

(e)(1) Any person (except an employee who acts without knowledge) who is determined by the Secretary, after notice and opportunity for a hearing, to have knowingly violated this section or a regulation issued under this section shall be liable to the United States for a civil penalty of not more than $10,000 for each violation, and if any such violation is a continuing one, each day of violation constitutes a separate offense. The amount of any such penalty shall be assessed by the Secretary by written notice. In determining the amount of such penalty, the Secretary shall take into account the nature, circumstances, extent, and gravity of the violation committed and, with respect to the person found to have committed such violation, the degree of culpability, any history of prior offenses, ability to pay, effect on ability to continue to do business, and such other matters as justice may require.

(2) Such civil penalty may be recovered in an action brought by the Attorney General on behalf of the United States in the appropriate district court of the United States or, prior to referral to the Attorney General, such civil penalty may be compromised by the Secretary. The amount of such penalty, when finally determined (or agreed upon in compromise), may be deducted from any sums owed by the United States to the person charged. All penalties collected under this subsection shall be deposited in the Treasury of the United States as miscellaneous receipts.

(f) This section shall not apply—

(1) to a motor vehicle transporting only school children and teachers to or from school;

(2) to a motor vehicle providing taxicab service and having a seating capacity of less than 7 passengers and not operated on a regular route or between specified points; and

(3) to a motor vehicle carrying less than 16 individuals in a single, daily round trip to commute to and from work.

Definitions.

(g) For purposes of this section, the term—

(1) "Secretary" means the Secretary of Transportation; and

(2) "State" means a State of the United States and the District of Columbia.

(h) Section 10927(a)(1) of title 49, United States Code, is amended by inserting immediately after "Motor Carrier Act of 1980" the following: ", in the case of a motor carrier of property, or section 18 of the Bus Regulatory Reform Act of 1982, in the case of a motor carrier of passengers".

Ante, p. 1120.

SECURITIES

Repeal.

SEC. 19. (a) Section 11302 of title 49, United States Code, and the item relating to such section in the analysis for chapter 113 of such title, are repealed.

(b) Section 11348 of title 49, United States Code, is amended by striking out "11302," each place it appears.

(c) Section 11911(a) of title 49, United States Code, is amended by striking out "or of a person to which that section is made applicable by section 11302(a) of this title".

(d) Section 3(a)(6) of the Securities Act of 1933 (15 U.S.C. 77c(a)(6)) is amended by striking out "Any security issued by a motor carrier

the issuance of which is subject to the provisions of section 214 of the Interstate Commerce Act, or any" and by inserting in lieu thereof "Any".

TAX DISCRIMINATION

SEC. 20. (a) Section 11503a(a)(3) of title 49, United States Code, is amended by striking out "of property".

(b) Section 11503a(c)(1) of title 49, United States Code, is amended by striking out "other commercial and industrial property" and inserting in lieu thereof "such other property".

MERGER PROCEDURE

SEC. 21. (a)(1) Section 11341(a) of title 49, United States Code, is amended by inserting "or exempted by" immediately after "approved by".

(2) The third sentence of section 11341(a) of title 49, United States Code, is amended by inserting "approved or exempted" immediately after "participating in that".

(b) Section 11343 of title 49, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new subsection:

"(e)(1) Notwithstanding any provisions of this title, the Interstate Commerce Commission, in a matter related to a motor carrier of property providing transportation subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission under subchapter II of chapter 105 of this title, may exempt a person, class of persons, transaction, or class of transactions from the merger, consolidation, and acquisition of control provisions of this subchapter if the Commission finds that— 49 USC 10521.

"(A) the application of such provisions is not necessary to carry out the transportation policy of section 10101 of this title; and 49 USC 10101.

"(B) either (i) the transaction is of limited scope, or (ii) the application of such provisions is not needed to protect shippers from the abuse of market power.

"(2) At least 60 days before any transaction exempt under this subsection from the merger, consolidation, and acquisition of control provisions of this subchapter may take effect, each carrier intending to participate in such transaction shall file with the Commission a notice of its intention to participate in such transaction and shall give public notice of such intention. The Commission shall prescribe the information to be contained in such notices, including the nature and scope of the transaction. Notices.

"(3) The Commission, on its own initiative or on complaint, may revoke an exemption granted under this subsection, to the extent it specifies, when it finds that application of the provisions of this section to the person, class of persons, or transportation is necessary to carry out the transportation policy of section 10101 of this title.

"(4) If the Commission, on its own initiative, finds that employees of any carrier intending to participate in a transaction exempt under this subsection from the merger, consolidation, and acquisition of control provisions of this subchapter are or will be adversely affected by such transaction or if employees of such carrier adversely affected by such transaction file a complaint concerning such transaction with the Commission, the Commission shall revoke such exemption to the extent the Commission deems necessary to review and address the adverse effects on such employees.".

(c) The heading of section 11345a of title 49, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

"§ 11345a. Consolidation, merger, and acquisition of control: motor carrier procedure".

(d) Subsection (a) of such section is amended by striking out "of property".

(e) The item relating to section 11345a in the analysis for subchapter III of chapter 113 of title 49, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

"11345a. Consolidation, merger, and acquisition of control: motor carrier procedure."

(f) Section 11344(b) of title 49, United States Code, is amended by redesignating paragraphs (1), (2), (3), (4), and (5) (and any references thereto) as subparagraphs (A), (B), (C), (D), and (E), respectively, by inserting "(1)" immediately before "In a proceeding", and by adding at the end thereof the following new paragraph:

"(2) In a proceeding under this section which involves only carriers of passengers providing transportation subject to the jurisdiction of the Interstate Commerce Commission under subchapter II of chapter 105 of this title, the Commission shall consider at least the following: 49 USC 10521.

"(A) the effect of the proposed transaction on the adequacy of transportation to the public.

"(B) the effect on the public interest of including, or failing to include, other rail carriers in the area involved in the proposed transaction.

"(C) the total fixed charges that result from the proposed transaction.

"(D) the interest of carrier employees affected by the proposed transaction.".

(g) Section 11344(d) of title 49, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new sentence: "The provisions of this subsection do not apply to any proceeding under this section which involves only carriers of passengers providing transportation subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission under subchapter II of chapter 105 of this title.".

SAFETY ENFORCEMENT

SEC. 22. (a) Section 10925(d) of title 49, United States Code, is amended by redesignating paragraph (2) (and any references thereto) as paragraph (3) and by inserting after paragraph (1) the following new paragraph:

"(2) Without regard to subchapter II of chapter 103 of this title and subchapter II of chapter 5 of title 5, upon petition by the Secretary of Transportation, the Commission may suspend a certificate or permit of a motor carrier of passengers if the Commission finds that such carrier has been conducting unsafe operations which are an imminent hazard to public health or property.". 49 USC 10321. 5 USC 551.

(b) Paragraph (3) of section 10925(d) of title 49, United States Code, as redesignated by subsection (a) of this section, is amended by inserting immediately before the period at the end thereof the following: "or, in the case of a suspension under paragraph (2) of this subsection, until the Commission revokes such suspension".

ILLEGAL OPERATIONS

SEC. 23. Section 11901(g) of title 49, United States Code, is amended by inserting immediately before the period at the end of the first sentence the following: "; except that, in the case of a person who does not have authority under this subtitle to provide transportation of passengers, or an officer, agent, or employee of such person, that does not comply with section 10921 of this title with respect to providing transportation of passengers, the amount of the civil penalty shall not be more than $1,000 for each violation and $500 for each additional day the violation continues".

49 USC 10921.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANCE

SEC. 24. Section 10321(b) of title 49, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by striking out "and" at the end of clause (2);

(2) by striking out the period at the end of such section and inserting in lieu thereof "; and"; and

(3) by adding at the end thereof the following new clause: "(4) consistent with the transportation policy of section 10101 of this title, provide administrative assistance to small motor common carriers of passengers and local governments in preparing for proceedings under sections 10922(c)(2), 10935, and 11501(e) of this title.".

49 USC 10101.

Ante, pp. 1103, 1115, 1117.

STUDY OF CITIZEN BAND RADIOS ON BUSES

49 USC 11111 note.

SEC. 25. (a) The Secretary of Transportation shall undertake to enter into appropriate arrangements with the National Academy of Sciences to conduct a study of the use of citizen band radios on motor vehicles providing transportation of passengers subject to the jurisdiction of the Interstate Commerce Commission under subchapter II of chapter 105 of title 49, United States Code, by the operators of such vehicles. Such study shall determine, at a minimum, the following:

49 USC 10521.

(1) the effect on safety if such operators are authorized to use such radios; and

(2) the effect on safety, health, and convenience of the passengers of such vehicles if such operators are authorized to use such radios.

Report to Secretary and Congress.
49 USC 11111 note.

(b) The Secretary of Transportation shall request the National Academy of Sciences to submit to the Secretary and the Congress, within one year after entering into arrangements with the National Academy of Sciences for conducting the study under subsection (a) of this section, a report on the results of such study along with its recommendations concerning whether operators of motor vehicles providing transportation of passengers should be allowed to use citizen band radios. The Secretary shall furnish to such Academy, at its request, any information which such Academy deems necessary for the purpose of conducting such study.

Rulemaking procedure.
49 USC 11111 note.

(c) Not later than 60 days after the National Academy of Sciences submits its report to the Secretary of Transportation under subsection (b) of this section, the Secretary of Transportation shall initiate a rulemaking proceeding to determine whether operators of motor vehicles providing transportation of passengers subject to the jurisdiction of the Interstate Commerce Commission under subchapter II

of chapter 105 of title 49, United States Code, should be allowed to use citizen band radios in such vehicles. In making such determination, the Secretary of Transportation shall give substantial weight to the recommendations and conclusions of the National Academy of Sciences. Such rulemaking proceeding shall be completed not later than 120 days after such proceeding is commenced. If the Secretary issues a rule or regulation which recommends that operators of such vehicles be allowed to install temporarily and operate citizen band radios in such vehicles, the Secretary of Transportation shall issue regulations establishing guidelines for the use of such radios in such vehicles in order to ensure that the public safety is adequately protected. 49 USC 10521.

(d)(1) Subchapter I of chapter 111 of title 49, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new section:

"§ 11111. Use of citizen band radios on buses 49 USC 11111.

"(a)(1) A motor carrier of passengers providing transportation subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission under subchapter II of chapter 105 of this title shall allow the operator of any motor vehicle providing such transportation to temporarily install and operate a citizen band radio in such vehicle if the Secretary of Transportation issues a rule or regulation which recommends that operators of such vehicles be allowed to temporarily install and operate such radios in such vehicles. 49 USC 10521.

"(2) Citizen band radios installed and operated in motor vehicles providing transportation of passengers subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission under subchapter II of chapter 105 of this title shall be installed and operated in accordance with the guidelines established by the Secretary of Transportation under section 25(c) of the Bus Regulatory Reform Act of 1982. *Ante*, p. 1124.

"(b) The Commission shall issue such regulations as it considers necessary to carry out this section.". Regulations.

(2) The analysis for subchapter I of chapter 111 of title 49, United States Code, is amended by inserting

"11111. Use of citizen band radios on buses."

after

"11110. Household goods carrier operations.".

(e) Section 11702(a)(2) of title 49, United States Code, is amended by inserting "or 11111" after "11109".

(f) This section shall not be construed to provide new spending authority within the meaning of section 401(c)(2)(A) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974. 31 USC 1351.

BUS TERMINAL STUDY

SEC. 26. (a) The Secretary of Transportation and the Interstate Commerce Commission shall conduct a full investigation and study of the ownership, location, and adequacy of bus terminals and their capacity to provide passenger service in accordance with the transportation policy set forth in section 10101 of title 49, United States Code. A report on the results of such investigation and study, including legislative recommendations, shall be submitted to the President and Congress not later than December 31, 1983. Report to President and Congress.

(b) The report under this section shall include an analysis of at least the following:

(1) the pattern of ownership of bus terminals, including public and private ownership;

(2) the desirability of terminals for more than one mode of transportation and their impact on urban development;

(3) the desirability of governmental assistance in the construction of nonurban bus terminals.

EMPLOYEE PROTECTION

Reemployment rights.
49 USC 10935 note.

SEC. 27. (a)(1) Each individual who is eligible for protection under this section and whose employment is terminated by a motor common carrier of passengers (other than for cause) prior to the last day of the 10-year period beginning on the date of enactment of this Act shall have a right of priority reemployment, in his or her occupational specialty, by such carrier at such time as such carrier is hiring additional employees.

(2) Any motor common carrier of passengers hiring additional employees shall have a duty to hire an individual eligible for protection under this section, in his or her occupational specialty, before hiring any other individual if such individual—

(A) was terminated previously by such carrier;

(B) has applied for a vacant position for which such carrier is accepting applications; and

(C) at the time the application is filed, has notified such carrier that he or she is eligible for protection under this section.

(b)(1) Each individual who is eligible for protection under this section and whose employment is terminated by a motor common carrier of passengers (other than for cause) prior to the last day of the 10-year period beginning on the date of enactment of this Act shall have a right of consideration for employment, in his or her occupational specialty, by any other motor common carrier of passengers who is hiring additional employees.

(2) Each motor common carrier of passengers who is hiring additional employees shall have a duty to consider for employment, in his or her occupational specialty, an individual who is eligible for protection under this section if such individual—

(A) has applied for a vacant position for which such carrier is accepting applications; and

(B) at the time the application is filed, has notified such carrier that he or she is eligible for protection under this section.

(c) An individual (other than a member of a board of directors or an officer of a corporation) who was employed by a motor common carrier of passengers for the 2-year period ending on the date of enactment of this Act shall be eligible for protection under this section if, upon application of such individual, the Commission determines that the employment of such individual has been terminated by a motor common carrier of passengers having intrastate authority under the laws of a State, and interstate authority under a certificate issued under section 10922 of title 49, United States Code, to provide transportation over any route to any point in such State as a result of such carrier—

(1) discontinuing (A) interstate service over such route under section 10925(b) of such title, and (B) intrastate service over such route (i) under section 10935 of such title, or (ii) under the laws of such State;

49 USC 10925.
Ante, p. 1115.

(2) reducing (A) interstate service over such route under subtitle IV of such title, and (B) intrastate service over such route (i) under section 10935 of such title, or (ii) under the laws of such State; or

49 USC 10101.
Ante, p. 1115.

(3) substantially reducing (A) interstate service over such route under subtitle IV of such title, and (B) intrastate service over such route (i) under section 11501(e) of such title, or (ii) under the laws of such State.

Ante, p. 1117.

In a proceeding to determine whether an individual is eligible for protection under this section, it shall be the obligation of the individual whose employment has been terminated by a motor common carrier of passengers to identify to the Commission the discontinuance or reduction which such individual alleges resulted in such termination and to specify the pertinent facts; and it shall be the obligation of any carrier contesting the eligibility of the individual for protection under this section to prove that the discontinuance or reduction was not a contributing factor causing such termination.

Job list, publication.

(d) The Commission shall establish, maintain, and periodically publish a comprehensive list of jobs available with class I motor carriers of passengers. Such list shall include that information and detail, such as job descriptions and required skills, the Commission deems relevant and necessary. In addition to publishing the list, the Commission shall make every effort to assist individuals eligible for protection under this section in finding other available employment. The Commission may require each class I motor carrier of passengers to file with the Commission the reports, data, and other information necessary to fulfill the duties of the Commission under this subsection.

(e) For the purposes of this section:

(1) A motor common carrier of passengers shall not be considered to be hiring additional employees when it recalls any of its own furloughed employees.

(2) An individual who is furloughed by a motor common carrier of passengers and who still has a right of recall by such carrier shall not be considered to be terminated.

"Commission."

(3) The term "Commission" means the Interstate Commerce Commission.

"Motor common carrier of passengers."

(4) The term "motor common carrier of passengers" means a person who has authority under section 10922 of title 49, United States Code, to provide transportation of passengers subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission under subchapter II of chapter 105 of such title.

49 USC 10521.

"Class I motor carrier of passengers."

(5) The term "class I motor carrier of passengers" means a motor common carrier of passengers having annual gross revenues from motor common carrier of passengers operations in excess of $3,000,000.

(f) Nothing in this section shall be construed to affect (1) an affirmative action plan or a hiring plan designed to eliminate discrimination, that is required by Federal or State statute, regulation, or Executive order, or by the order of a Federal court or agency, or (2) a permissible voluntary affirmative action plan.

(g) This section shall not apply (1) to any carrier owned or controlled by a State or local government, and (2) to any periodic discontinuance of or reduction in motor carrier of passenger service which is seasonal in nature.

Rules and regulations.

(h) The Commission shall issue such rules and regulations as are necessary to carry out this section. Initial rules and regulations shall be promulgated within 6 months after the effective date of this section.

Termination.

(i) The provisions of this section shall terminate on the last day of the 12-year period beginning on the effective date of this section.

PUBLICATION OF COMMISSION ACTIONS

SEC. 28. (a) Section 10322(b)(3) of title 49, United States Code, is amended by striking "in the Federal Register".

(b) Section 10328(b) of title 49, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by inserting "(1)" immediately after "(b)";

(2) by amending paragraph (1), as so redesignated, by striking out "that is, or is proposed to be, provided in a State" and by striking out all after "interested persons" and inserting in lieu thereof a period; and

(3) by adding at the end thereof the following:

Notice of applications. 5 USC 553.

"(2) The Commission may adopt, after a rulemaking proceeding in accordance with the provisions of section 553 of title 5, a special procedure for providing interested parties reasonable notice of applications to provide transportation as a motor or water common or contract carrier or freight forwarder, or to be a broker for transportation, under sections 10922, 10923, 10924, and 10928 of this title, or applications for removal of operating restrictions under section 10922 of this title. The special procedure may consist of printing and distributing to subscribers an independent publication to provide notice of such applications, if the Commission finds, as a result of its rulemaking proceedings, that such method of providing notice would not be unduly burdensome to the public.".

49 USC 10922-10924, 10928.

GENDER-NEUTRAL TERMINOLOGY

SEC. 29. (a) Section 10722(c)(4) of title 49, United States Code, is amended by striking out "newsboy" and inserting in lieu thereof "newspaper carrier".

(b) Section 10722(d)(1)(B) of title 49, United States Code, is amended by striking out "widow" and inserting in lieu thereof "surviving spouse".

(c) Section 10723(b)(1)(C) of title 49, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

"(C) an individual traveling on behalf of a nonprofit organization which provides recreational, housing or other services and benefits for the general welfare of employees of common carriers.".

(d) Section 11504(c)(3) of title 49, United States Code, is amended by striking out "seaman" and inserting in lieu thereof "sailor".

(e) Section 11905 of title 49, United States Code, is amended by striking out "linemen" and inserting in lieu thereof "line maintainers".

EXEMPT MOTOR CARRIER TRANSPORTATION

SEC. 30. Section 10525 of title 49, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by redesignating subsection (e) as subsection (f); and

(2) by inserting after subsection (d) the following new subsection:

"(e) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, the Commission has no jurisdiction under this subchapter over transportation, except transportation of household goods, by a motor carrier operating solely within the State of Hawaii. The State of Hawaii may regulate transportation exempt from the jurisdiction of the Commission under this subsection and, to the extent provided by a motor carrier operating solely within the State of Hawaii, transportation exempt from the jurisdiction of the Commission under section 10523 of this title.". 49 USC 10523.

EFFECTIVE DATE

SEC. 31. (a) Except as provided in subsections (b) and (c) of this section, this Act shall take effect on the 60th day after the date of enactment of this Act. 49 USC 10101 note.

(b) The amendment made by section 10(e)(4) of this Act shall take effect on October 1, 1982. *Ante*, p. 1109.

(c) The provisions of sections 6(g) and 30 of this Act shall take effect on the date of enactment of this Act. *Ante*, p. 1103, 1128.

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